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Site Inspection Report

(State serial No. of proposal - FP/MH/Pipeline/139865/2021)

Sr.No.	Items	Observation and remarks
1	Name of the project and location	Lying of Natural Gas Pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur through Thane, Nashik, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Jalna, Buldhana, Washim, Amravati, Wardha & Nagpur Districts. The Pipeline shall be laid along & within the RoW of Samruddhi Mahamarg. The Route length in Buldhana Forest Division in Buldhana District shall be 87.37 Km. The Re-diversion proposal is submitted as the diversion of the said land is already taken by MSRDC for Samruddhi Mahamarg. The Total Area for Re-diversion in Buldhana Forest Division is 0.6329 Ha. Area statement enclosed as Annexure-2
	Village :	Palaskhed Malangdeo & Palaskhed Zalta ✓
	Range :	Deulgaon Raja
	Round :	Shinkhed Raja
	Beat :	Shinkhed Raja
	Forest Comptt. No.	562-C, 563-C ✓
2	Name of the User Agency.	Gail (India) limited, Nagpur (Nikhil B Kharwandikar) DGM (Const) Gail (India) Limited (MNPL) Gail Jubilee Tower, B-35 & 36 Sector-1 Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
3	Date of site inspection.	Visit-13/01/2022 ✓
4	Extent (Ha) and legal status of forest land proposed for division.	0.6329 Ha. of Reserved Forests ✓
5	a. Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land.	0.6329 Ha. of Reserved Forests (Re-diversion) ✓
	b. Density and Eco-value class.	Eco-class III (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests) and has the density of below 0.1 ✓
6	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col.2 of part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternative examined.	The requirement of forest land as proposed by the User agency in Col.2 of Part 1 is unavoidable and barest minimum for this Re-diversion project because on another suitable alternative available. ✓
7	Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including	No

	residential) or not? If yes, details thereof.	
8	a) Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not.	No
	b) Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof	No
	c) Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area (Km)	Distance from proposed project is ----- km from Lonar Wild life Sanctuary Map Enclosed Page No ---- ?
	d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project.	-
	e) Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If yes, reasons therefore:	No
9	Details of vegetation:	
	a) Total number of trees to be felled:	Nil
	b) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60cm:	Nil
	c) Effect of removal of trees on the general eco-system in the area.	Nil
		No drastic effect on ecosystem
10	Background note on the proposal (Short summary)	<p>Gail India Ltd. is making clean natural gas conveniently available to multiple customer streams. As a consequence of rapid rate of industrialization in India, fuel needs are increasing at an equally rapid rate and the supply demand gap is widening and steps must be taken to address the issue</p> <p>Gail India Ltd. has planned to establish Pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur. As a part of the project, clean natural gas will be made available to various domestic, commercial and industrial customers across the District, to achieve this, pipeline is planned from Mumbai to Nagpur along Samruddhi Express way. Dahej-Uran pipeline (DUPL) & Mumbai Manmad Bijwasana pipeline (MMBPL) and will directly result in reducing pollution due to use of fossil fuel, improving the environment and will also greatly benefit the people of the region by being able to easily access clean and efficient fuel for their needs. The project will generate employment for people and benefit the population of the entire region.</p>
11	Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980? If yes, a detailed report on	No

	violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached.	
12	Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	No
13	Details on catchment and culturable command area under the project (if applicable)	NA
	Status of catchment area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (if applicable).	NA
14	Utility of the project.	Overall socio-economic development.
15	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/religious values? Whether any sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion?	No
16	Any other important information related to the project (Separate note may be attached, if required).	-
17	Details of documents and photographs enclosed:	Enclosed. 2
18	Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer	Since the proposed project is of laying of pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur along with across reserved/revenue forest in Right of way/use of samruddhi expressway, the alignment of the proposed pipeline has been fixed. Moreover, an area of 28.30 ha has already been diverted for Samruddhi expressway in Buldhana division and the present proposal is of rediversion of forest land. In light of the above facts, requirement of forest land is unavoidable and bare minimum and hence the proposal is recommended at this level.

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